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TAGS: PDIP, FR, AG

SUBJ: JEAN-MARIE SOUTOU, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO EEC

REF: PARIS 12004

1. HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS IN REFTEL.
WE DETECTED NONE OF RESERVE MENTIONED REFTEL AND FOUND
SOUTOU VERY RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. IF HIS FORMAL EDUCATION
WAS BRIEF, HE HAS DONE GOOD DEAL OF SELF STUDY. HE
HAS IMPRESSIVE DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE ON WIDE RANGE
OF SUBJECTS.

2. ONE ITEM OF INTEREST IS THAT SOUTOU LEFT HERE WITHOUT
SEEING BOUMEDIENE FOR FAREWELL CALL. THERE IS SPECULATION
THAT HE WAS NOT RECEIVED BECAUSE ALGERIANS IRRITATED BY
FAILURE OF PARIS PREPCON, OR BECAUSE OF REMARK SOUTOU
MADE AT RECEPTION TO EFFECT ALGERIANS DIFFICULT TO DEAL
WITH BUT ONE SHOULD PERSEVERE BECAUSE THEIR FRIENDSHIP
WAS WORTH THE EFFORT. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE MOST LIKELY
EXPLANATION IS USUAL DISORGANIZATION BY PRESIDENTIAL
PROTOCOL AND FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT MY STAFF THINKS
IT WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. ON SUCH THIN GREL DO
WE FEED IN ALGIERS.

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